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### LEO LANIA

ROVING EDITOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD

Lania covered the period after the last war through the "Twenties" in Europe for the Chicago Daily News. He is back in Europe again with a discerning eye open for all of the pitfalls of post war. He has just finished A Survey of Europe Now \*\*\* having interviewed heads of state as well as just plain people. So he has quite a few things on his mind for his fellow OPC members.

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- Friday, March 28th -

TONIGHT..... TONIGHT..... CLUB WARMING in the NEW CLUB ROOMS- from 6 to 9 P.M. Drop in to drink a toast to the beginning of some new and informal club life. Bring a colleague along to meet the gang. Rafael Munoz and Alfonso Valle, here in the States to prepare the approaching visit of the President (of Mexico) Miguel Aleman, will also be present.

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Get your reservations in early for the luncheon next Wednesday. The food is excellent and the location fine.

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Clubrooms we have -- a place to meet each other at the crossroads of New York and the world. But they will just be rooms unless members use them, meet their friends for a drink there, drop in to chat and catch up on the gossip.

Ken Porter hung the pictures and a nice job, too. Pictures of our members who were killed in the war are grouped together -- while nostalgic pictures of OPC people in the other war are near each other and pictures of the annual Dinners tell our history in groups of hundreds.

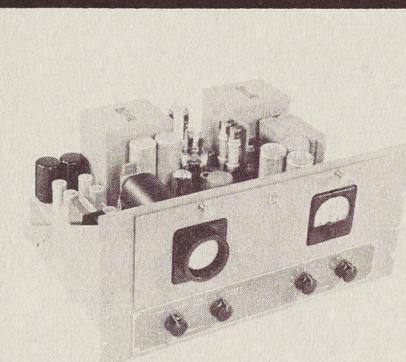
**NOW IS THE TIME . . . . .** We do need books, preferably those you have written first and foremost but also books for reference and books on all phases of politics, journalism and reporting. PLEASE SEND BOOKS SUCH AS THESE TO THE CLUB FOR THE LIBRARY.

Garnet leather easy chairs, good brass reading lamps, green drapes and such are already in their place. The little things which bring character to a room -- you know, gadgets --- could be brought by members. "Joe Blank gave us that tricky ashtray or that pair of bookends,"

The Dinner Committee got together for cocktails and dinner on Wednesday evening, March 19th at the Beaux Arts Hotel. About forty five members attended. Leo Branham, Marjorie Young, Curt Heymann and Adele Nathan arranged the whole thing. An engraved cigarette box from the entire committee was presented to Hester Hensell, Chairman. Members present decided that they wanted to be a permanent Dinner Committee --- all of which goes to show that if a nice bunch of gals and guys works together and really pitch in, the effort turns out to be a lot of fun.

The first order of the Non Fiction Book Club for the Press Club book selected as their April choice counts ten thousand copies to begin. In order to plan the followup of the first promotion of the book, the authors have been called together by Bill Chaplin to meet in the Club room on Wednesday evening at 8 P. M. for a general gab fest. By the way, pictures of the authors at the cocktail party given by the Barkhams are at the club now.

**HAVE YOU GOTTED YOUR COPY OF OUR BOOK?** Editors, authors, some Board members and some people from Dutton's will be at the get together on April 2 in Room 411 at 1475 Broadway.



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Hortense MacDonald is just back from Paris and although she has not said so in so many words, she thinks the parisian styles for the coming season are up to scratch and then some. Dora Loues Miller is also in Paris now.

Bob Sturdevant, head of the Paris bureau of the American Broadcasting Company, broadcast several days ago that Paris in the springtime is also up to scratch--- how many correspondents heave a sigh at the memory of other springtimes in the French capital.....

Leo Margulies has returned from a six weeks trip to Europe for ORT. He inspected training centers for young people on the continent.

One of our New York members who has had extensive editorial experience and who has also handled public relations is looking for an assignment preferably in Europe but anywhere on a good job. He is ready to leave immediately. Call the office if you know of something interesting.

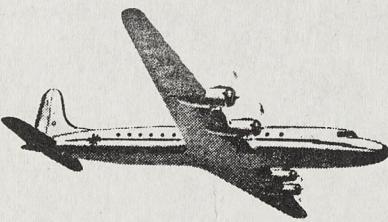
How many correspondents do you think are abroad now for American newspapers, magazines, networks, wire services and newsreels? The guess of some of the club officers is around five hundred. It was about three hundred before the war and during the war shot up to twenty three hundred. Let us have your estimate.....

Johannes Steel "just happened" to arrive in Moscow during the current conference of the Big Four. This occasioned some raised eyebrows among the accredited American news and radio men, who had seen their number reduced from 72 to 36 because of lack of accomodations, but Joe explained that he had arranged his trip directly with the Russians last year.

Don Cook writes that the London offices of the New York Herald Tribune have been transferred last week from the Daily Telegraph building in Fleet Street to the Adelphi, an office building completed only a few months before the outbreak of the war.

Andy Freeman, new member from the New York Post, has just returned from India. It appears that there are only about five American correspondents in all of India now, one of whom is Bob Neville of Time, Life, a member.

Clifton Daniel and Gene Currihan of the New York Times are covering the Middle East now and have their headquarters at the Shepheard's Hotel in Cairo, Egypt.



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Albert Stevens Crockett, one of the few American writers extant who knew intimately the London, Paris and New York of the century's first decade, has been engaged for more than a year in putting together reminiscences of the notable figures of those days --- together with some unpublicized happenings. Tentative title - "Tales of Three Cities.

Bill Shirer charged on his CBS news broadcast of March 23rd that he was being dropped by his sponsor because his views were "too liberal" Following this, CBS announced that it had an option on Shirer's services and wished to retain him although not in that particular spot: the owner of Station WMCA offered Bill a job with his station and the C. I. O. announced a protest to the F. C. C. on the "gagging" of Shirer.

Curt L. Heymann of the New York Times authors an article in the March issue of the International Digest entitled "The Race for the Silent Continent" in which he describes the rush of eleven nations to the Antarctic.

The Club has received a request for a speaker for the April 3rd meeting of the Friends of Democracy at one University Place. Topic is "Peace Treaties and their Effect on the United Nations." If some members would like to speak, call the office.

Also, the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences would like an OPC member to address their 50th annual meeting on April 18th and 19th at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Subject "Progress and Prospects of the United Nations".

Larry LeSeuer of CBS gives a fifteen minute summary of the events of the week at the United Nations over the network at 11:15 Sunday evenings. The unilateral action of the United States on Greece and Turkey threatens the future of the United Nations, says Larry.

H. V. Kaltenborn will speak at Town Hall on April 23rd at 11 A. M. Our own Dean of American Commentators will "Look at the World."

Fred Oeschner, on a swing through Latin America recently was joined in Havana by his wife, Olga. Fred is foreign news staff writer for Scripps Howard and is former Central European chief for the United Press.



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Don Pryor of the CBS network and usually in Paris went down to Greece and reported in a broadcast recently that the UN committee there has done nothing to investigate the situation in that country for themselves but has heard people from one side or the other as presented to its members.

Betty Wasson and Betty Cooke, who run the Town Barn at East Norwalk, Long Island, are the industrious interior decorators who have done handsomely by us on the furnishings of the club.

Gault MacGowan of the New York Sun writes that the exotic extravagances of the monarchs of old excited the poverty stricken citizens of Europe. But history repeats itself--- the city fathers in Nice recently spent fifteen million francs on the Carnival and forty thousand bouquets of flowers for the Bataille of Flowers.

In the April issue of This Month magazine, Hal Lehrman writes a piece about "Balkan Nightmare". Hal's new book, "A Reporter in Search of Peace" will be published shortly by Appleton Century.

Dick Hyman reports in his opus "It's The Law" in the American Magazine for March that "A Kentucky law says that "A Man shall not marry the grandmother of his wife."

Bill Chaplin in his summary of the interesting news of the times over NBC network at 11:15 P. M. reported the end of the Allis Chalmers strike --- which had cost the company about sixty three million dollars and the employees about twenty million.

HELP... We need some pictures of club members during the war (No. II). Don't be modest. We have a special piece of wall staked out for them.

At the recent get-together of Washington members, Ernie Dupuy, chairman of our Awards Banquet, was pressed into an informal chairmanship and Ruth Cowan as vice chairman.

Pearl Metzelthin writes that she misses seeing friends but that she has had a very severe fall... Nola Luxford has returned to the States after an extensive visit to Australia and New Zealand as the guest of the respective governments.....

Are you an individualist? Most foreign correspondents are.... And How...

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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